

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL  
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

August 11, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, August 11, 2014 and was called to order by Jay H. Dworin at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Dworin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Mses. McAbee, Law, Yankes, Messrs. Jurewicz and Riehl. Mr. Collins and Mayor McKenna were absent. Assistant Police Chief Kujava, Borough Manager/Secretary Craig Robinson, Solicitor Gavin Robb, and Donna Perry. Tax Collector/Treasurer Daniel R. Duerring was absent.

WORKSHOP MINUTES – There was a motion made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. Riehl that the minutes of the Workshop Meeting held July 7, 2014 be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - There was a motion made by Mr. Jurewicz and seconded by Ms. Yankes that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 14, 2014 be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR - There was a motion made by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Mr. Jurewicz and unanimously approved by Voice Vote that the Mayor's Report be accepted and filed as presented.

MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS - Mr. Robinson reported the Fire Department responded to 15 calls for the month with a total of 136 year-to-date. They had two training sessions, participated in the July 4 children's bike parade in Blackridge, and had several storm and vehicle accident clean-ups.

Under the Manager's Report Mr. Robinson stated most of the summer work projects have concluded. We are now in the process of evaluating next year's sewer and camera work projects.

There was a motion by Ms. Law, seconded by Mr. Riehl and unanimously approved by Voice Vote that these reports be accepted and filed.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR – Mr. Robinson stated real estate tax collections were \$62,940.37 and penalties of \$924.27 for a total of \$63,864.64. The balance collectable is \$76,863.96.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Robinson read the following report for the month of July 2014. It showed the following:

<u>CHECKING ACCOUNT</u>	<u>BEGINNING BANK BALANCE</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>O/S CHECKS AND DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>ENDING CASH BALANCES</u>
REGULAR ACCOUNT	1,401,120.38	331,250.97	389,631.69	1,342,739.66
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	158,571.02	6.73	-0-	158,577.75
ROAD & HIGHWAY	176,064.31	1,162.41	2,310.00	174,916.72
SEWAGE AGENCY	206,510.98	81,122.11	59,128.16	228,504.93
SPECIAL ACCT.	12,379.42	698.82	927.54	12,150.70
POLICE PENSION FUND	-0-	3,429.51	3,429.51	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	-0-	877.58	877.58	-0-
WELFARE BENEFIT	1,480.73	-0-	-0-	1,480.73
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	3,050.00	3,050.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Ms. Yankes and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to accept the Tax Collector's Report and Treasurer's Report for the month of July and have it reproduced in the minutes.

**EARNED INCOME TAX  
DEED TRANSFER**

**DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX** – Mr. Robinson reported that the Earned Income Tax Collector had collections of \$30,683.65 for the month of July.

Deed Transfer Tax collection totaled \$1,553.66.

Jordan Tax Service collected delinquent real estate taxes in the amount of \$4,256.72

There was a motion by Ms. Law, seconded by Ms. Yankes and unanimously approved that the reports be filed.

**LISTEN TO VISITORS** - George Ratliff of 2314 Forest Drive addressed the school systems article that appeared in Saturday's paper whereby Woodland Hills was rated near the bottom of the list. He suggested a committee be formed with representatives from all the Woodland Hills School District municipalities to work with school officials to improve this condition.

He further voiced his opinion about the school district position statement that was prepared and felt it was not useful.

Margie Darbut of 1503 Williamsburg Place also discussed the school district position statement.

Dolores Patterson of 2525 Greensburg Pike discussed the cost of the recent road paving project and personnel costs.

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE - There was a motion by Ms. Law, seconded by Mr. Jurewicz and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Ordinance No. 721 to update the Floodplain Management Ordinance.

2012 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE - There was a motion by Ms. Yankes, seconded by Mr. Riehl and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to authorize the Borough Secretary to advertise the intent by Council to adopt the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code.

AWARD PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES - There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Ms. Law and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to award the Public Works Service Agreement to Vigliotti Landscape & Construction, Inc. for a three-year period from September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2017.

SCHOOL DISTRICT POSITION STATEMENT - Mr. Jurewicz made a motion to adopt a position statement regarding Woodland Hills School District and read the following:

"Churchill Borough Council is confident that students residing in our municipality will receive a quality public education. Historically, children from Churchill Borough that choose the public school system score well on tests of academic achievement. Most students go on to attend premier universities, colleges, or other secondary institutions.

The three legs supporting a quality education and educational experience include the student, the parents, and the school. Student motivation, natural curiosity, and passion for learning are key components toward academic success. A parent that ensures their child attends class enables achievement. The school system is responsible to provide a secure and safe environment and needs to be held accountable for established pedagogy standards and outcomes.

Churchill Borough Council is optimistic that we can continue to work with Woodland Hills School District Board of Directors and administrative staff as we share in a relationship regarding the future of our children and municipality."

The motion failed for lack of a second.

**BILLS** - Mr. Robinson read the bills for the month and they totaled \$222,396.16. There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by Mr. Riehl and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to adopt Resolution No. 4313 to pay the bills.

**ADJOURN** - There was a motion by Ms. Law, seconded by Mr. Riehl and approved by Voice Vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm.

**CRAIG A. ROBINSON  
BOROUGH SECRETARY**